

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-20 were rejected under 35USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US 7,092,925 ("Na"). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Na in view of US 6,035,295 ("Heinonen")

Na discloses an intelligent portable communications device and its operation method according to a user's schedule. The operation method is formed of the steps of recording the schedule, continuously determining if it is necessary to alert the user, determining if the user has a scheduled event if alerting the user is necessary, determining if the user can be called during a scheduled event, automatically performing a response corresponding to the recorded schedule for the call if the user cannot be alerted, and alerting the user if the user can be alerted, or if the user does not have the scheduled event. Therefore, even though the user has not manipulated the portable communications device before a scheduled event, the user is not disturbed, a noise interruption can be prevented, and the caller can be led to conform to the user's schedule through the automatic response function. In Figure 3, of Na, and in the accompanying text, a method is described whereby the user is notified via sound, vibration or blinking light.

Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e): "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The claims have been amended to overcome the objections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Claim 1 as currently amended recites:

1. An electronic device comprising:

at least one output device for emitting a plurality of different signals; and,

a microcomputer for processing a plurality of first event and a second event such that when said second event occurs during one of said plurality of first events said microcomputer derives a notification mode based on at least one criterion associated with said one of said plurality of first events and instructs said output device to emit one of said signals according to said notification mode, ***said notification mode for said one of said plurality of first events being determined from a profile selected from a plurality of different profiles.***

It is respectfully submitted that at least the feature of "***said notification mode for said one of said plurality of first events being determined from a profile selected from a plurality of different profiles***" is neither expressly nor inherently disclosed in the prior art. Respectfully, claim 1 is now deemed allowable. Similar amendments have been made to the other independent claims and are likewise now deemed allowable. Support for these amendments can be found in at least paragraphs 68-70 of the present application.

To further distinguish over the prior art, new claim 21-24 further recite the feature of each of "***the plurality of first events has associated therewith a profile selected from said plurality of different profiles.***" This feature further distinguishes over the prior art by reciting that each of the first events can, in and of themselves, have a different profile associated therewith.

As the remaining claims all depend from other claims which are now deemed allowable, it is respectfully submitted that those remaining claims are also now deemed allowable.

Applicants of its own accord has amended the preamble of claim 20 to more clearly recite the computer-readable storage medium.


CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that it has fully responded to the Examiner's concerns and that the claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Applicants hereby request that any fee which may be required for the papers being filed with this letter be charged to, or any overpayment be credited to, Account No. 50-3750.

In the event that any PTO official wishes to discuss this application on the telephone, the call should be directed to the undersigned at 416-920-8170 x109.

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